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SUBJ: LESOTHO: CRISIS EASES BUT TENSION REMAINS

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1. EVENTS REPORTED REFTELS TAKEN IN STRIDE BY GOL AND IT APPARENT AFTER TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS OF CABINET THEY NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REINSTITUTING STATE OF EMERGENCY. MASERU AND SURROUNDING AREA OUTWARDLY NORMAL JAN 8. SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES FOR NEW CHIEF JUSTICE MAPETLA CONDUCTED AS PLANNED, WITH KING, PM, AND SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS PRESENT.

2. POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER VIOLENCE CLEARLY REMAINS AND THERE IS IMMEDIATE DANGER THAT POLICE IN ATTEMPTING TO UNCOVER FURTHER ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY MAY PROVOKE INCIDENTS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF STRONG-ARM TACTICS BY POLICE IN ONGOING SEARCHES OF HOMES AND AUTOMOBILES AND THIS DOES NOTHING TO LESSEN TENSIONS.

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3. SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE HINTED AT SUSPICIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN HAND IN RECENT EVENTS. TRA SVAAL REGISTRATION OF CAR CARRYING EXPLOSIVES AND ESCAPE TO SOUTH AFRICA BY POLICE POS* ATTACKERS HAVE NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS. IN ADDITION SABC HAS CONSISTENTLY EXAGGERATED AND DISTORTED DETAILS AND IS STILL REPORTING THAT EMERGENCY DECLARATION IMMINENT.

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